Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Agnes Farness was born on December 29, 1914, to Herman Farness and Josie Ellingson in Clark County, South Dakota and graduated from Thorpe Consolidated School in 1932; and,

Whereas, Agnes Farness worked as a clerk and tax auditor for the Internal Revenue Service in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Rapid City, South Dakota, from 1945 until she retired in 1972; and,

Whereas, Agnes Farness married Dale Wesley Sjerven on December 23, 1957, a union that included four stepchildren: Jerry Wesley Sjerven, Janice Sjerven Waltman, Candace Sjerven Panich and Kim Douglas Sjerven; and they in turn presented them with seven grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Agnes F. Sjerven's five brothers and three sisters presented her with 17 nieces and nephews, 46 grand-nieces and nephews, and numerous great grand- and great, great grand-nieces and nephews; and,

Whereas, Agnes F. Sjerven is also known for her love for and excellent care given to various pets throughout her lifetime; and,

Whereas, Agnes F. Sjerven will observe her 90th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on December 27, 2004, to honor and celebrate her life; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a person who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.
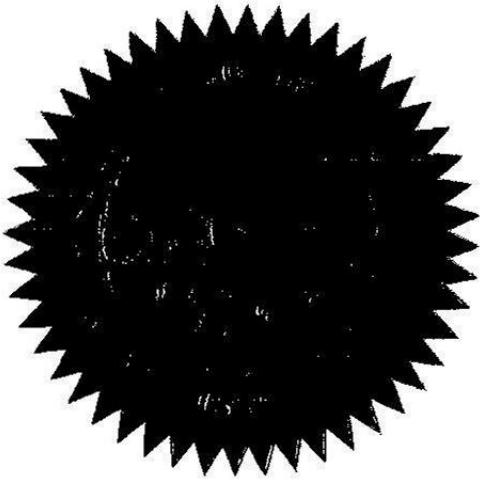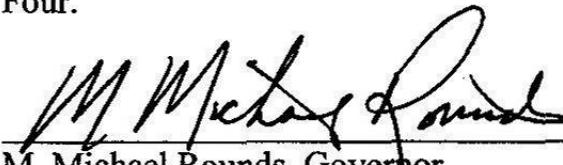
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State